

PATENT APPLICATION

~~§~~ In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/543,331

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For: INK ABSORBENT, INK  
TANK, INK CARTRIDGE,  
METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING INK  
ABSORBENT, AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURING INK  
TANK

April 28, 2003

## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the application, as follows: